

# SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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Vote No. 272

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## NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM/Highway Demonstration Project Ban

**SUBJECT:** National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 . . . S. 440. McCain amendment No. 1438.

### ACTION: AMENDMENT AGREED TO, 85-21

**SYNOPSIS:** As reported, S. 440, the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, will designate the National Highway System in accordance with the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA). Failure to enact the bill by September 30, 1995, will result in all States losing their National Highway System and Interstate Maintenance funding.

**The McCain amendment** would bar the use of Federal funds to pay for highway demonstration projects that have not been authorized and for which no funds have been made available as of the date of enactment of this Act.

**Those favoring** the amendment contended:

The McCain amendment would forbid the wasteful practice of earmarking scarce transportation funds for unauthorized highway projects in particular States. Such earmarking results in less funds to distribute to the States under the merit-based formulas. Over the past 2 years, according to the Department of Transportation, 17 States have had their highway funding increased as a result of earmarks, while 33 States have lost funding. Perhaps coincidentally, States that have received greater funding have tended to be represented by powerful Members of Congress. We are not saying that all earmarked projects are necessarily without merit; instead, we are saying that if they do have merit they can compete fairly for their fair share of their State's allocation from the Federal highway funding formula. They should not be funded by stealing out of the pot that is divided up among all the States. The McCain amendment is modest; it would not cancel any earmarked projects that are currently underway. Instead, it would only ban future earmarks. We urge our colleagues to join us in voting in favor of the McCain amendment.

**No arguments were expressed in opposition to the amendment.**

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YEAS (75)				NAYS (21)		NOT VOTING (4)	
Republican (45 or 87%)		Democrats (30 or 68%)		Republicans (7 or 13%)	Democrats (14 or 32%)	Republicans (2)	Democrats (2)
Ashcroft	Hutchison	Baucus	Kennedy	Abraham	Akaka	Coats <sup>-2</sup>	Inouye <sup>-2</sup>
Brown	Inhofe	Biden	Kerrey	Bennett	Boxer	Shelby <sup>-2</sup>	Murray <sup>-2</sup>
Burns	Kassebaum	Bingaman	Kerry	Bond	Breaux		
Campbell	Kempthorne	Bradley	Kohl	Hatfield	Bryan		
Chafee	Kyl	Byrd	Leahy	Jeffords	Bumpers		
Cochran	Lott	Conrad	Lieberman	Santorum	Feinstein		
Cohen	Lugar	Daschle	Moseley-Braun	Specter	Harkin		
Coverdell	Mack	Dodd	Moynihan		Heflin		
Craig	McCain	Dorgan	Nunn		Johnston		
D'Amato	McConnell	Exon	Pell		Lautenberg		
DeWine	Murkowski	Feingold	Pryor		Levin		
Dole	Nickles	Ford	Robb		Mikulski		
Domenici	Packwood	Glenn	Rockefeller		Reid		
Faircloth	Pressler	Graham	Simon		Sarbanes		
Frist	Roth	Hollings	Wellstone				
Gorton	Simpson						
Gramm	Smith						
Grams	Snowe						
Grassley	Stevens						
Gregg	Thomas						
Hatch	Thompson						
Helms	Thurmond						
	Warner						

#### EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

#### SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay